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S.B. No. 1365

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the provision of credit by examination for public
3 school students.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.092, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

7 (a-2) Subsection (a) does not apply to a student who
8 receives credit by examination for a class as provided by Section
9 28.023.

10 SECTION 2. Section 28.023, Education Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 28.023. CREDIT BY EXAMINATION. (a) Using guidelines
13 established by the State Board of Education, a school district
14 shall develop or select for board review examinations for
15 acceleration for each primary school grade level and for credit for
16 secondary school academic subjects. The guidelines must provide
17 for the examinations to thoroughly test comprehension of the
18 information presented in the applicable grade level or subject, and
19 must require a school district to develop multiple versions of an
20 examination for a particular grade level or subject for each
21 subsequent administration of the examination in the same school
22 year. The board shall approve examinations that satisfy board
23 guidelines.

24 (b) A school district shall give a student in a primary

1 grade level credit for a grade level and advance the student one
2 grade level on the basis of a board-approved examination for
3 acceleration if:

4 (1) the student scores in the 90th percentile or above
5 on each section of the examination; and

6 (2) [~~a district representative recommends that the~~
7 ~~student be advanced; and~~

8 [~~3~~] the student's parent or guardian gives written
9 approval of the advancement.

10 (c) A school district shall give a student in grade level
11 six or above credit for a subject on the basis of a board-approved
12 examination for credit in the subject if the student scores in the
13 90th percentile or above on the examination. If a student is given
14 credit in a subject on the basis of an examination, the district
15 shall enter the examination score on the student's transcript, and
16 the student is not required to take an end-of-course assessment
17 instrument adopted under Section 39.023(c) for that subject.

18 (d) Each district shall administer each examination:

19 (1) not later than the 30th day after the date the
20 district receives a written request from the student's parent, if
21 the test is offered electronically; and

22 (2) on at least four scheduled occasions per year, if
23 the examination is not offered electronically [~~not less than once a~~
24 ~~year, at times to be determined by the State Board of Education~~].

25 SECTION 3. Section 25.092(a-2), Education Code, as added by
26 this Act, and Section 28.023, Education Code, as amended by this
27 Act, apply beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.